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- 1 PROCEEDINGS:
- 2 7:03 p.m.
- 3 MR. GELLER: Good evening, everyone. We're
- 4 going to get started. This is a continued hearing
- 5 for a comprehensive permit under Massachusetts
- 6 General Law Chapter 40B. This involves a property at
- 7 420 Harvard. Again, for the record, my name is Jesse
- 8 Geller. To my immediate left is Johanna Schneider,
- 9 to Ms. Schneider's left is Kate Poverman, to my right
- is Lark Palermo. 10
- 11 Tonight's hearing will be largely dedicated
- 12 to a review of the applicant's waivers request.
- 13 people will recall from the last hearing, there was
- discussion of the three options that were available 14
- 15 to the ZBA under 40B. The first option being denial,
- 16 the second option being an approval, and the third
- 17 option being an approval subject to conditions.
- 18 The board's discussion was such that the
- 19 board -- the consensus was that this was a project
- that under 40B should be approved but subject to 20
- conditions. 21
- So in the steps we take under 40B, once 22
- 23 we've reached that point, we then review what I would
- 24 call the "asks" from the applicant. That is to say

- 1 the specific ways in which the applicant is asking us
- 2 to waive application of local ordinances. And
- 3 unfortunately, late this afternoon -- I use the term
- 4 "unfortunately" because, as you know, I like to get
- 5 things a lot earlier. I like to give them -- to make
- 6 sure they're available to everyone, us as well as
- 7 you. But we are all under tight time constraints,
- 8 and this, unfortunately, didn't come in until late
- 9 today. But there is a chart that includes a list of
- 10 requested waivers from the applicant. The applicant,
- 11 in tonight's hearing, will run through that list.
- 12 That list of waivers has been reviewed by the
- 13 building commissioner, Dan Bennett.
- 14 MS. MORELLI: And the director of
- 15 engineering --
- 16 MR. GELLER: -- Peter Ditto. And Peter
- 17 will not be here tonight.
- MS. MORELLI: Dan is here.
- 19 MR. GELLER: Dan is here. He will be here.
- 20 So what they will do is they will review
- 21 the requests and give us their recommendation. I
- 22 know Maria will do it on behalf of Peter Ditto.
- MS. MORELLI: Mr. Chairman, I do have
- 24 copies of the packet that you have with the waivers

- 1 chart on the sign-in desk out in front for the
- 2 attendants.
- MR. GELLER: Okay. So that was available
- 4 on the desk outside. It will also be posted, or it
- 5 may have already been posted --
- 6 MS. MORELLI: It's posted online.
- 7 MR. GELLER: So it is available online as
- 8 well.
- Just so people are aware, our next hearing
- 10 is scheduled for December 12th, 7:00 p.m. We
- 11 anticipate at that point that we will have some
- 12 comments from the commissioner of police. The
- 13 applicant will present a rubbish -- is it a narrative
- 14 or a plan?
- MS. MORELLI: It's a plan using a narrative
- 16 format.
- 17 MR. GELLER: So it will be a description of
- 18 how trash will be stored and removed.
- 19 Also on December 12th, we're
- 20 anticipating -- is this realistic? We are
- 21 anticipating that at that point we will have a draft
- 22 of conditions that would go along with the decision.
- In terms of conditions, they first have to
- 24 be reviewed. They're obviously drafted internally,

- 1 but then they are reviewed by town counsel. And what
- 2 will happen is that the board members will also
- 3 review them -- will then review them at this hearing.
- 4 And you will see us go down, however many there
- 5 are -- and we had talked about Hancock Village in
- 6 which there were 70 conditions. We will go through
- 7 all of those conditions and discuss them at length
- 8 and may have changes to them.
- 9 Other administrative details? Is that it?
- 10 MS. MORELLI: Yes.
- 11 MR. GELLER: Okay. Great.
- 12 Maria, do we know -- we've got that -- two
- 13 potential dates, the 19th versus the 21st?
- MS. MORELLI: Right. So there might be a
- 15 conflict on another case. Having the applicant --
- 16 the 19th would be better for the applicant on another
- 17 case.
- 18 MR. GELLER: Two of us are conflicted on
- 19 the 21st.
- 20 MS. MORELLI: Okay. So we need to keep it
- 21 on the 19th for this case.
- MR. GELLER: Okay.
- MS. MORELLI: Thank you.
- MR. GELLER: We may have another conflict.

- 1 We'll have to figure that out.
- MS. MORELLI: Okay.
- 3 MR. GELLER: Okay. Mr. Sheen, you are
- 4 going to review the waivers?
- 5 MR. SHEEN: Yes.
- 6 MR. GELLER: Just so everyone knows, again,
- 7 this hearing is being transcribed, as well as it's
- 8 being videotaped for public record.
- 9 MR. SHEEN: Thank you. For the record,
- 10 Victor Sheen, development manager for 420 Harvard
- 11 Street, the applicant.
- We did come up with a -- actually, the list
- 13 that we have before us has been sort of reviewed a
- 14 couple times with Maria and Dan, so we believe it's
- 15 fairly complete, but there may be some additional
- 16 discussions and sort of others that may need to be
- 17 amended. So this is a pretty good draft, but it's
- 18 still a draft format.
- 19 So before we start, I would like to direct
- 20 you to the screen. Because we have two parcels as
- 21 part of the application, and one parcel, the
- 22 420 Harvard parcel, being an L-1.0 zoning district,
- 23 and the 49 Coolidge is connected but it's a separate
- 24 parcel under a separate T-5 district. And given that

- 1 they are abutting each other, and in consultation
- 2 with the building commissioner, we determined that
- 3 the 420 parcel has -- it's a corner lot. It has two
- 4 frontages, one frontage on Harvard Street and the
- 5 other frontage on Fuller Street.
- The parcel, being a corner parcel, we can
- 7 designate the remaining side -- one as the rear and
- 8 one as the side, and we've made the determination
- 9 that the immediate property line next to 44 Fuller
- 10 being the rear lot line, and the property connecting
- 11 to The Butcherie being the side.
- 12 And now we go to 49 Coolidge. So
- 13 49 Coolidge is a fairly standard rectangular parcel.
- 14 It has the front on Coolidge Street, it has two sides
- 15 abutting the Coolidge neighbors, and it has one rear.
- 16 And because this rear lot -- this is a rear lot line
- 17 to Coolidge. Therefore, it's determined to be a rear
- 18 lot line to the 420 parcel. And the same thing with
- 19 45 Coolidge. So this lot line would -- connected to
- 20 420 Harvard Street will be considered as the rear lot
- 21 line. So this line, as we go down, would actually go
- 22 from side yard lot line to the property line at the
- 23 beginning of 49 Coolidge, and then from the
- 24 49 Coolidge division all the way down the terminus to

- 1 45 Coolidge will be considered rear. Okay. So that
- 2 is sort of the background.
- 3 And now we go to this draft condition. So
- 4 condition -- the way that this table is laid out --
- 5 so the first section will be the bylaw section, and
- 6 then the second section will be the requirements, and
- 7 then we broke it down into two separate columns. So
- 8 one column is specifically for the T-5 zoning
- 9 district for 49 Coolidge, and then the next column is
- 10 specific for the L-1.0 for the 420 Harvard Street
- 11 requested waivers. And then it will have a detailed
- 12 proposal for the waivers for the combined. And then
- 13 the waiver numbers was then sort of separated out by
- 14 Maria, so there will be A.1 and A.2; 1 being
- 15 49 Coolidge under T-5, and number 2 under Harvard or
- 16 L-1.
- 17 Because the application -- the development
- 18 straddles within two districts, so we believe bylaw
- 19 Section 3.02 is necessary in order to -- is necessary
- 20 to build. It is a multifamily housing and commercial
- 21 development under Chapter 40B.
- 22 The next section is -- it talks about the
- 23 table of uses, so it primarily addresses the uses
- 24 under Table 4.07. So currently -- the first section

- 1 of Table 4.07 deals with the residential, so we -- I
- 2 believe that is addressed under the comprehensive
- 3 permit, so we don't need to address that.
- 4 The second section has to do with office
- 5 uses. And given that we have a professional office
- 6 or management office as part of the 49 Coolidge
- 7 building, currently that office use is not by right,
- 8 so we're asking a waiver to allow for Subsection 20,
- 9 which is office or clinic or medical or dental
- 10 examinations; 20A will be office or clinic of
- 11 licensed veterinarian, a broad, general sort of
- 12 office use. And we do not intend to convert that
- 13 space into a marijuana clinic, so we're not asking
- 14 for that. And we are asking for 21 -- Subsection 21
- 15 for that as well.
- 16 Under the business zoning district, the L
- 17 district, the only thing that is not allowed by right
- 18 is 20A, which is office or clinic of a licensed
- 19 veterinarian for treatment of animals, so we're just
- 20 asking a waiver for that. They would all be under --
- 21 you know, clearly, they would all be under 5,000
- 22 square feet.
- 23 The next section has to do with automotive
- 24 services. We added that in. Primarily just want to

- 1 make sure that we catch that in with -- accessory
- 2 garage use is allowed use. It's included. And Dan
- 3 may have something to comment about that. The
- 4 intention is not to convert a garage underneath to --
- 5 you know, automotive services. We want to sort of
- 6 focus on using that for the purpose of parking only.
- 7 MR. GELLER: Excuse me. Wouldn't that
- 8 apply just to 420 Harvard?
- 9 MR. SHEEN: Well, because, if you recall, a
- 10 portion of the garage actually extends --
- 11 MR. GELLER: It's under the lot line?
- 12 MR. SHEEN: Yeah, into 49 Coolidge. Even
- 13 though it's not accessed from the Coolidge side, it's
- 14 under the rear lot line or rear setback.
- The next section has to deal with retail
- 16 and consumer uses, which starts in Subsection 29. So
- 17 under the L district, 29, 30, 31 are allowed-by-right
- 18 uses as well as 32A through C, so we're not asking
- 19 for any waivers. In terms of stores over 10,000
- 20 square feet gross floor area would not -- we simply
- 21 don't have that, so we're not asking for any waivers
- 22 on those either.
- 23 So 33, 33A, 34 do not apply.
- 35, office display or sales space of a

- 1 wholesale, jobbing, or distribution establishment,
- 2 that could be, you know, a furniture showroom, so we
- 3 would ask for a waiver for that.
- 4 36, radio or television studio without
- 5 transmitting facilities, we would also ask for a
- 6 waiver for that. There may be a television studio or
- 7 uses like that.
- 8 36A, research laboratory for scientific or
- 9 medical research, we would ask for a waiver for that.
- 10 That's for the medical office.
- 11 36B, we don't believe that applies. That's
- 12 50,000 square feet and over.
- We do not intend to convert the new space
- 14 back to a mortuary/funeral establishment, but -- we
- 15 could strike that out as a waiver request.
- Obviously, we're not doing any agricultural
- 17 on parcels more than five acres or whatever. That is
- 18 not something we intend to do.
- 19 Open-air use other than commercial
- 20 recreational facilities, seasonal outdoor seating for
- 21 licensed food vendors that does not exceed six
- 22 months, we do have an outdoor area that potentially
- 23 can be a seasonal outdoor space for a cafe or some
- 24 sort of vendor, so we request consideration for that

- 1 as well.
- 2 MS. POVERMAN: So you're asking for a
- 3 waiver to be able to use that as a future cafe area?
- 4 MR. SHEEN: That's a potential. We've
- 5 stated that, you know, our intention is not to put a
- 6 restaurant/eatery in there, but we -- I don't think
- 7 it's unreasonable to consider, for example, 4A moving
- 8 across the street into our space because we do have
- 9 an outdoor space. They don't currently have any
- 10 seating. They serve no -- they have no professional
- 11 kitchen, but they do heat up pastries and cookies and
- 12 the like.
- MS. POVERMAN: See, one of the problems I
- 14 have with getting this in the afternoon and my
- 15 printer not working is I can't go through each zoning
- 16 rule and look at them. I didn't have a chance to
- 17 look at this and say, okay, which actual zoning
- 18 requirement are we talking about? So I'm hearing it
- 19 for the first time really now, and I'm not having a
- 20 chance to consider what waivers we're talking about,
- 21 so I'm not going to be able to say tonight whether or
- 22 not I can agree to it. As long as that's
- 23 understood --
- MR. SHEEN: I think, you know, both us as

- 1 well as town staff are working literally to the last
- 2 minute to make changes, so we consider this as a
- 3 draft.
- 4 MS. POVERMAN: Sure. Okay.
- 5 MR. SHEEN: In terms of the retail and
- 6 consumer uses for the Coolidge parcel, our intention
- 7 is primarily using that as professional offices, so
- 8 it should be fairly straightforward.
- 9 MS. POVERMAN: I also want to say -- point
- 10 out that the possibility of having the coffee shop
- 11 also should change our waste analysis or waste
- 12 narrative.
- 13 MR. SHEEN: I think -- we talked briefly to
- 14 staff about that. A lot of it is -- you know, it's
- 15 a -- you still have to go through the board of
- 16 health. We're not asking for a waiver for board of
- 17 health approvals.
- MS. POVERMAN: No, no, no. I'm not saying
- 19 that. I'm just saying in terms of the waste
- 20 narrative we get, it should account for the
- 21 possibility that you may have food waste.
- MR. SHEEN: Sure.
- The next section deals with 4.08,
- 24 affordable housing requirements. We're exceeding the

- 1 town bylaw, so I don't know -- we just threw it in
- 2 there just to make sure that we cover all our bases.
- 3 5.07, dwelling in business district, that
- 4 was recommended by the commissioner to -- because we
- do have an L-1 district. It does not apply to the 5
- 6 49 Coolidge parcel.
- 7 The next section has to do with design
- 8 review, 5.09. We initially did not break out the
- 9 exclusions, but after hearing from staff and from the
- 10 building commissioner, we agreed that there are seven
- exclusions, which are listed in the table. 11
- 12 5.10 had to do with minimum lot size.
- 13 Currently the Coolidge parcel is approximately 3,105
- 14 square foot, and the minimum requirement for T-5 is
- 15 5,000, so we're not asking for a waiver for that.
- 16 The same thing on the Coolidge side, that
- 17 there is a lot area for dwelling units of 5,000. Our
- lot is 3,000 and change. 18
- 19 The lot width, again, on the 49 Coolidge
- parcel, the T-5 zone, is 50 feet, and the existing 20
- lot has a 36-foot frontage. 21
- 22 The floor area ratio for both T-5 and L-1
- is 1.0. The existing building on 49 Coolidge is 23
- 24 4,608 square feet, gross floor area, including the

- 1 basement, and our intention is to not expand on the
- 2 existing building, so that translates to a 1.48 FAR
- 3 for the 49 Coolidge parcel.
- 4 The development on 420 Harvard Street is on
- 5 a 10,851-square-foot lot with a 33,090 square foot
- 6 gross floor area excluding the parking
- 7 garage/basement, so that is a floor area ratio of
- 8 approximately 3.05.
- 9 The maximum height of the building is
- 10 covered under 5.30 and 5.31 and Table 5.01. For the
- 11 Coolidge parcel it's a maximum building height of 35
- 12 feet, and for the L-1 district for 420 it's a 40-foot
- 13 height limitation. The existing building at
- 14 49 Coolidge, I don't have the height immediately in
- 15 front of me, but we're not intending to make it
- 16 higher, so we're keeping existing roof lines, so that
- 17 will remain.
- The development on 420 Harvard Street has a
- 19 building height of 56 foot 10 inches to the -- as
- 20 shown on the previous plans. We are working with our
- 21 civil engineering staff and the building commissioner
- 22 to determine the calculation in terms of the --
- 23 taking the mean street grade, so we're still waiting
- 24 on some information on that one.

- 1 The next one, exceptions to yard and
- 2 setback regulations, those were recommended by the
- 3 building commissioner.
- 4 Traffic visibility across corners, 5.45.
- 5 So we've talked extensively about this one, and I
- 6 believe the town engineer, Peter Ditto, has also
- 7 reviewed this extensively from a safety standpoint,
- 8 and this was also discussed as part of the traffic
- 9 peer review. So we're asking a waiver from that.
- 10 It's not a -- we're not asking a waiver from a safety
- 11 standpoint. We're asking it purely from a bylaw
- 12 standpoint.
- The front yard requirement is covered under
- 14 5.5, 5.51, and Table 5.01. The front yard
- 15 requirement is 25 feet for the T-5 and 10 feet on the
- 16 L-1. We are not changing the building -- the
- 17 existing building and the existing front yard setback
- 18 on the Coolidge parcel, and development on
- 19 420 Harvard Street has -- as you recall, has two
- 20 front yards, the one on Harvard Street, which is --
- 21 we're building about a foot off the property line,
- 22 and the Fuller Street frontage has roughly about
- 23 three and a half feet from the property line.
- 24 5.54 deals with exceptions for existing

- 1 alignments. We're asking -- it was also recommended
- 2 that be included in there.
- In terms of side yard requirements, the
- 4 existing building at 49 Coolidge has a side yard less
- 5 than 20 feet on either side and we're maintaining
- 6 that existing nonconforming condition.
- 7 The side yard on the 420 Harvard side, we
- 8 only have one portion of the parcel having a side
- 9 yard, which is actually immediately abutting
- 10 The Butcherie building, so currently the intention is
- 11 it's built to be maybe a foot off the side yard line.
- 12 In terms of the rear yard, the -- for the
- 13 Coolidge side, because of it being a two-family with
- 14 an additional office, we actually have a greater
- 15 setback requirement of 40 feet. Typically it's 30.
- 16 We are not changing that, the building footprint, so
- 17 it will remain an existing nonconformity.
- 18 Under 420 Harvard Street, it has -- the
- 19 rear yard is abutting 44 Fuller as well as to the
- 20 rear of 49 Coolidge and 45 Coolidge, so it ranges
- 21 from 15 feet to the 44 Fuller property line. And I
- 22 think there's a little bit of a typo here. In terms
- 23 of the rear yard setback to 49 Coolidge, it's
- 24 actually zero because of the parking garage that

- 1 straddled both parts. But in any event, so we are
- 2 asking for waivers for both parcels.
- In terms of the minimum landscape open
- 4 space, there is a requirement only on the T-5 parcel
- 5 of 30 percent. We are not changing that, the
- 6 existing condition, so we need -- our architect still
- 7 needs to provide us with the calculation, what
- 8 exactly the current landscaped area is. We'll then
- 9 pull that in. And there is no minimum landscape open
- 10 space requirement, we believe, for the L-1 district,
- 11 but we're happy to discuss it with staff and the
- 12 building commissioner.
- In terms of the minimum usable open space,
- 14 we believe the -- it's actually zero percent.
- MS. POVERMAN: Doesn't 40B have a minimum
- 16 open space requirement?
- MS. SCHNEIDER: No.
- MS. POVERMAN: No? Okay. Never mind.
- MR. SHEEN: So, again, we can discuss with
- 20 staff and the building commissioner about this as
- 21 well. So in -- we left it in there for discussion
- 22 purposes.
- 23 In terms of off-street parking
- 24 requirements, based on staff's recommendation we

- 1 actually did two waiver calculations. So on the
- 2 49 Coolidge side, based on the two residential and
- 3 one commercial unit in there, we calculated 4
- 4 point -- 4 residential parking and 2 commercial
- 5 parking spaces will be needed under the existing
- 6 bylaws. And under the amended bylaws that we believe
- 7 to be ratified by the attorney general's office, that
- 8 percentage would -- actually, that requirement would
- 9 remain the same, so it would be 4 residential and 2
- 10 commercial parking.
- 11 Under the L-1 district, the existing bylaw
- 12 requires 47 -- it would require 47 residential
- 13 parking spaces and 10 commercial parking spaces under
- 14 the existing bylaw. And on the amended bylaw, that
- 15 requirement will reduce to 39 residential and 10
- 16 commercial. The amended bylaw does not adjust the
- 17 commercial space requirement.
- 18 So in total, the development will have 19
- 19 off-street residential parking spaces, and 8
- 20 commercial parking spaces in addition to the 2
- 21 loading spaces on the streets.
- The next section had to do with the
- 23 percentage -- I believe that has to do with the
- 24 percentage of visitor spaces, which is 10 percent,

- 1 and we are providing the 19 and 8 that's shown.
- MS. POVERMAN: Which of those are actually
- 3 visitor parking spaces?
- 4 MR. SHEEN: None.
- 5 MS. POVERMAN: Okay.
- 6 MR. SHEEN: Next section, 6.04.2.E had to
- 7 do with the number of compact versus the standard.
- 8 For both parcels, there is a requirement for
- 9 25 percent maximum, and the reason that we are
- 10 including 49 Coolidge in that calculation is because
- 11 the compact spaces are actually straddling the
- 12 49 Coolidge parcel as well as the 420. We have 8
- 13 compact parking spaces and 19 standard parking spaces
- 14 with a percentage of approximately 29.6 percent.
- So the next one, 6.04.2.F, has to do with
- 16 the parking lot backing into the public way or
- 17 private way. We weren't sure of the reading of that
- 18 parking lot, so we left it in there. The existing
- 19 condition has 3 tandem off-street parking spaces, and
- 20 we're expanding to 4, and they would be -- they will
- 21 continue to function the way it's currently
- 22 functioning.
- The next section, 6.04.4.C, had to do with
- 24 curb cuts, and we're asking a waiver from the 30-foot

- 1 curb cut on the L-1 district. After the review with
- 2 staff as well as the traffic engineer, the final curb
- 3 cut length was determined to be 52 feet wide.
- 4 In terms of the design of the setback of
- 5 the parking facilities, the 49 Coolidge currently has
- 6 a zero setback in its current parking situation, so
- 7 it will remain the same.
- 8 And in terms of 49 -- I mean in terms of
- 9 the L-1 district for 420 Harvard, because the
- 10 underground garage portion extends beyond the rear
- 11 lot line, so we're asking for a waiver on the setback
- 12 requirement of 5 feet.
- The next section, 6.07, had to do with the
- 14 loading facility. We are asking for a waiver on the
- 15 height of that loading space. The requirement is
- 16 14 feet. We believe -- our current design has 12
- 17 foot clear for that space. And this was a -- was a
- 18 result from -- in discussion with the peer -- design
- 19 peer reviewer believes that that additional 2 feet
- 20 reduction in building height outweighs -- the benefit
- 21 of that outweighs the -- having that 2 feet more to
- 22 meet the requirement. A typical UPS or FedEx truck
- 23 is roughly about -- at the maximum is 11 feet.
- 24 The next two sections have to do with

- 1 Section 9 on the enforcement side, and I'll let our
- 2 consultant Bob to expand on that if necessary. It
- 3 was recommended that we leave it in there.
- 4 MR. ENGLER: I believe we're waiving those.
- 5 We don't need them. We talked about that two nights
- 6 ago. So they come out.
- 7 MR. SHEEN: And it's the same thing with
- 8 3.17.
- 9 MR. ENGLER: Well, that stays.
- 10 Oh, that comes out too because we're
- 11 willing to meet that condition. As explained by
- 12 Peter, it's kind of a decision where public works
- 13 gets to look at the working drawings when they're
- 14 ready to go and make comments. We didn't have any
- 15 intention of waiving them as not a requirement, just
- 16 not having a special separate review at this stage.
- 17 It should be the zoning board's review. But I think
- 18 we've been clear on that, so it's not a request
- 19 anymore. The whole last page.
- 20 MR. SHEEN: In terms of Town Bylaw 5.3,
- 21 demolition, we filed for a determination of
- 22 significance to the historical commission for --
- 23 specifically for the 420 parcel, and it was
- 24 determined to be insignificant. We believe that is

- 1 still valid today.
- In terms of the 49 Coolidge parcel, our
- 3 intention is to do a gut rehab, substantial
- 4 renovation, and portions of the facade may be
- 5 adjusted. And in consultation with the building
- 6 commissioner, we will -- we may not actually trigger
- 7 a demolition review, so we'll have a better sense,
- 8 you know, after the architect has actually given us a
- 9 little bit more detail. But we do know that a number
- 10 of windows will be modified to accommodate for some
- 11 privacy issues, screening against the immediate
- 12 neighbors. So some of the windows may need to be
- 13 shifted. The intention is not raise the roof, expand
- 14 the roof, any expansion of the building footprint.
- 15 MR. ENGLER: The last section is a typo.
- 16 It should have been deleted. The chairman -- we
- 17 didn't want to encourage wrath two times in a row.
- 18 We don't generally get those kind of --
- 19 MR. GELLER: Bob, you were paying attention
- 20 Monday.
- 21 MR. ENGLER: I was paying attention. So
- 22 that shouldn't be --
- 23 MR. SHEEN: 7.3.2.
- MR. ENGLER: That's like saying, give us

- 1 more relief than we even can think about. You have
- 2 to ask specifically for what you want so --
- 3 MR. SHEEN: Oh, the footnote?
- 4 MR. ENGLER: Yeah, the footnote. We missed
- 5 the delete button on the printing of the thing.
- 6 MR. SHEEN: So that's the list.
- 7 MR. GELLER: Mr. Sheen, to the extent that
- 8 you are keeping your ask under Town Bylaw Section
- 9 5.3, I would urge you to -- and I think this is what
- 10 you said anyway -- refine it. Refine what that ask
- 11 is. So if what you're saying is, we may want to move
- 12 windows around, that's a specific ask.
- 13 MR. SHEEN: I think there is a threshold,
- 14 which is 25 percent modification of each individual
- 15 facade. We will work with the design team to --
- MR. GELLER: My suspicion is that you can
- 17 remove this, but you need to look at what you're
- 18 really going to do on that property.
- 19 MR. SHEEN: Sure.
- MR. GELLER: Any questions at this point?
- 21 MS. SCHNEIDER: I have a question maybe
- 22 related to an issue that Kate raised, and this goes
- 23 back to the requested waiver with request to
- 24 Section 4.07 in Table 4.07.

- 1 I'm wondering -- and, again, we're -- and I
- 2 understand you guys were working right up to the last
- 3 minute, but -- and we can all go and look up what
- 4 these various uses are. But I wonder if there is
- 5 room to refine some of these asks.
- 6 You mentioned, for example -- I think one
- 7 of the things you were requesting -- one of the
- 8 listed things was, like, a funerary. If you really
- 9 don't think you're going to be having a funerary use
- 10 in this building, which I expect you won't be, maybe
- 11 take it out. I mean, I'm just in favor of tailoring
- 12 these things. You know what you're going to be doing
- 13 at this point. We'd like to have -- to pin down what
- 14 we're approving. If you know that you're never going
- 15 to have a funeral parlor in this building, I'd just
- 16 as soon have you take that off the list of requested
- 17 waivers.
- 18 MR. SHEEN: Sure.
- 19 MS. SCHNEIDER: And that was one that
- 20 jumped out at me. And, again, I'm sure you're not
- 21 going to do -- you just said you're probably not
- 22 going to do it. So it's that and any others where it
- 23 seems fairly obvious there's no way you would ever do
- 24 it. If you wouldn't mind giving some thought to

- 1 taking those out, I think that would help the board.
- 2 MR. SHEEN: Sure.
- 3 MR. ENGLER: If I can comment, it is a
- 4 confusing section because at this preliminary stage,
- 5 we don't know what the use is going to be. And so
- 6 you want to say, well, their office and retail and
- 7 commercial, you can condition them so there's no food
- 8 establishment or some other kind of performance test,
- 9 but we don't know if there's going to be a barber
- 10 shop or a beauty salon or whatever, so it's hard to
- 11 say -- you know, it might be this, it might not be.
- But as you're saying, we can at least
- 13 eliminate the things now we know it's not going to
- 14 be, but we don't know what they're really going to
- 15 be. So it's kind of like, under 40B, we're allowed
- 16 to have some commercial uses at 5,000 feet. We don't
- 17 want to be noxious, but we don't really know what
- 18 they're going to be, so I don't quite know how to
- 19 handle that in a waiver request for all those
- 20 subsections you have.
- MR. GELLER: Well, to some extent, it's
- 22 going to be dictated by the structure of the
- 23 building. I mean, the building is -- we'll admit
- 24 certain uses, but you can clearly look at it and say

- 1 we're not going to be able to --
- 2 MR. ENGLER: Not a walk-in trade or that
- 3 kind of thing.
- 4 MS. SCHNEIDER: Exactly. I mean, if
- 5 there's absolutely no possible way you would ever put
- 6 this into the project, I think it would just simplify
- 7 things if you could take those asks out.
- 8 MR. ENGLER: Okay.
- 9 MR. SHEEN: Sure.
- 10 MR. GELLER: Anything else? Kate?
- 11 MS. POVERMAN: I don't have anything else,
- 12 no.
- 13 MR. GELLER: Okay. Thank you.
- I want to call on the building
- 15 commissioner, Dan Bennett, to come forward and give
- 16 us his comments to the requested waivers.
- 17 MR. BENNETT: Good evening. Dan Bennett,
- 18 building commission.
- 19 So I did, again -- this is a little
- 20 repetitive for some of the ZBA members. We went
- 21 through this Monday on a different project. But I
- 22 did review the listed waivers for consistency and
- 23 proper application. This is a complicated site with
- 24 the fact that we have two lots, two zoning districts.

- 1 You have a business district abutting a residence
- 2 district, you have underground structures, so this is
- 3 pretty much a catchall. You've got just about every
- 4 provision of our bylaw that you can get here in the
- 5 requested list of waivers.
- 6 MR. GELLER: No 5.43, Dan.
- 7 MR. BENNETT: No 5.43, correct.
- 8 So we did work late into tonight, and the
- 9 applicant was -- been very cooperative in a number of
- 10 the conversations that we've had. But I want to just
- 11 kind of identify a couple of things or I can go
- 12 through the list or ask questions.
- But having the two lots -- keeping that
- 14 existing lot line between the Coolidge parcel and the
- 15 Harvard Street parcel, if that remains, then that
- 16 just increases the number of waivers because the lot
- 17 line exists, and my feeling is you have to get a
- 18 waiver for any structure that comes close to it or
- 19 straddles it.
- 20 There is -- down the road, however this
- 21 board decides to act, they choose to approve the
- 22 application with some conditions, they might want to
- 23 be specific on what happens to that lot line or how
- 24 the two lots are held in common ownership and maybe

- 1 address that down the road.
- 2 MR. GELLER: That's actually a very
- 3 interesting question, and I hadn't thought about it.
- 4 Is there a reason that you are keeping them as
- 5 separate parcels?
- 6 MR. SHEEN: Yes. Because they're in two
- 7 separate districts. Some of the calculations are
- 8 done on a --
- 9 MR. ENGLER: No. But as ownership -- it
- 10 could be one common ownership, one parcel at the end
- 11 of the day.
- MR. SHEEN: Well, yeah. But let's say we,
- 13 you know, go ahead and combine the lot, do a -- do it
- 14 as one lot, then there's -- then the calculations for
- 15 the particular T-5 -- the T-5 will still remain for
- 16 that portion of the lot, but how do you then
- 17 determine what's the size of that lot?
- 18 MR. ENGLER: The question is: If you have
- 19 one lot and you don't have a lot -- you don't have a
- 20 dividing line, you have a 40B lot, okay? There's
- 21 only one lot. If you're willing to be the owner of
- 22 that in common, like the commissioner said, then you
- 23 don't have a dividing line, right? Am I missing the
- 24 point?

- 1 MR. BENNETT: Well, my experience -- you
- 2 know, if you have multiple lots with a common
- 3 ownership, the way I've always handled it for any
- 4 zoning matter is I've always advised that you get rid
- 5 of that lot line. And I advise that because it can
- 6 get messy.
- 7 And that can be done with -- I believe it's
- 8 an 81X plan where the surveyor makes a certification
- 9 that there are no new lot lines proposed and it's
- 10 pretty much a perimeter plan and then that
- 11 extinguishes that interior lot line.
- 12 That does complicate things on the waiver
- 13 side a little bit more because now you've got one lot
- 14 in two zoning districts, and I haven't looked at that
- 15 part of it. It does probably extinguish some of the
- 16 waivers with respect to side yard for the Harvard
- 17 Street property and rear yard for the Coolidge Street
- 18 property, but it doesn't extinguish all of the
- 19 issues.
- 20 If that was to happen -- right now, my
- 21 understanding is that the parcels are owned in two
- 22 different -- but one's under consideration, however
- 23 that happens. But down the road, my advice would be
- 24 to put some sort of a condition on that. It becomes

- 1 common ownership, if the lot line stays, or something
- 2 that would clarify ownership.
- 3 MR. GELLER: Well, it also raises a broader
- 4 question, which is -- I think in all of our
- 5 discussions and considerations we've assumed that
- 6 they were going to be, if not under common ownership,
- 7 under affiliated ownership, and that they would
- 8 always flow together. And that sort of seems to be
- 9 consistent with the methodology in which the building
- 10 is structured. They've got a garage that's on 49 --
- 11 that's on a portion of 49 Coolidge. So it seems to
- 12 me that if they're not putting it into a single
- 13 parcel, then we have to visit the question of what
- 14 ramification there is from the potential of there
- 15 being two owners.
- 16 MS. POVERMAN: Wouldn't that be an
- 17 eligibility question that the state would have to
- 18 address? Because each would have to determine
- 19 whether or not they meet --
- 20 MR. GELLER: Limited dividends.
- 21 MR. SHEEN: It will be under common
- 22 ownership. So the question, I think, right now, is:
- 23 Do we combine the lots or keep it in two separate
- 24 lots?

- 1 Our initial reaction is to keep it separate
- 2 because it's just cleaner.
- 3 MS. POVERMAN: It is one entity or two?
- 4 mean, that really seems to make no sense for 40B.
- 5 MR. SHEEN: It's one entity.
- 6 MS. POVERMAN: I have a question about the
- 7 structure because my understanding is that they're
- 8 different LLCs and that the -- the ownership of the
- 9 LLC, as far as I can tell, is not --
- 10 MR. SHEEN: So currently, one entity has a
- purchase and sales agreement on the other parcel. So 11
- 12 once we apply for the building permit, it will
- acquire that parcel to be combined under one single 13
- entity. And that's been addressed with -- I believe 14
- 15 with staff as well as with Mass. Housing Partnership.
- 16 MS. POVERMAN: When I looked at the
- 17 ownership entity of -- the entity that owns
- 18 49 Coolidge, all of the people listed as having an
- 19 ownership interest, one of them was Yonatan -- I
- don't remember the last name. 20
- 21 What I'm saying is I can't tell if there's
- 22 extensive ownership or coextensive ownership.
- 23 MR. SHEEN: It doesn't matter because we
- 24 have a -- 420 Harvard Street has a purchase and sales

- 1 agreement that's valid and executed to purchase
- 2 49 Coolidge.
- 3 MR. GELLER: We actually have reviewed
- 4 this. We have seen that P&S, so that's really not
- 5 the issue. I don't think that's the issue.
- 6 MS. POVERMAN: But it's really the separate
- 7 ownership.
- 8 MS. SCHNEIDER: No. I think -- but I think
- 9 the issue, if I'm understanding it correctly, is:
- 10 Right now the waivers that you have requested and
- 11 that you've discussed with the town are predicated on
- 12 maintaining this as two legal lots. And I guess the
- 13 question is: If we were to vote these waivers as
- 14 currently requested and then condition the project to
- 15 consolidate the lots, what happens to the relief? If
- 16 these are the waivers that we vote, what happens to
- 17 the relief if the lots are consolidated and then all
- 18 the numbers are thrown off?
- 19 MR. GELLER: I think we would need to know
- 20 in advance.
- MR. BENNETT: The waivers that we do will
- 22 be more conservative than what's -- if that lot line
- 23 was gone, I would imagine, with respect to some of
- 24 the rear and the sides. I don't know how it would

- 1 apply when you're looking at the overall landscaped
- 2 and open space. That, then, they add together.
- But even if it's in common ownership --
- 4 even if it's in common ownership, the lot line, in my
- 5 view, is still there. So the board could, in a
- 6 condition, just say, prior to the issuance of a
- 7 building permit, verification must be produced for
- 8 town counsel to review that each lot is held in --
- 9 that they're in the same ownership. And the lot line
- 10 could stay there, and I think we could move on.
- 11 MR. SHEEN: So the only condition that
- 12 we're talking about -- the side would remain, the
- 13 front would remain. The only portion that would be
- 14 eliminated is essentially this 36 feet. And so in
- 15 that case -- you know, the reason we left it in there
- 16 is so it's very clear there is a rear lot line, so we
- 17 can ask for the waiver for that.
- Once that line is gone, 49 Coolidge no
- 19 longer has a rear lot line, so it becomes much, much
- 20 more complicated in our mind to draft a condition
- 21 that -- essentially, for a lot that has no rear yard
- 22 setback, specifically for the 49 Coolidge.
- MR. ENGLER: Why is that complicated?
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, I think we would just

- 1 waive -- we would waive the rear yard setback
- 2 requirement for that parcel in its entirety.
- But, again, I think we're talking about
- 4 granting waivers based on hypothetical lots at that
- 5 point because the lots would not be merged when we
- 6 would be granting this relief.
- 7 MR. ENGLER: Can I speak to this a second?
- 8 From my experience, it's always one lot and one
- 9 owner, and then the 25 percent is across the board,
- 10 and all those things fit. And the waivers are there
- 11 to say what's the information only -- what's the
- 12 extent of what your project is not conforming to
- 13 underlying zoning? So it's information. It isn't
- 14 anything more than that because the plan is the plan
- 15 which gets approved.
- Now, if we're missing a waiver, if it came
- 17 up when you reduced the lot, suddenly you needed a
- 18 new waiver, that's a problem. But other than
- 19 identifying what they are, the idea that, well,
- 20 you're 4 feet away or 5 feet away or you're 1 foot
- 21 away, to me it's information that doesn't really
- 22 reflect anything more than what's already on the
- 23 plan.
- So I think Dan is correct. If we get rid

- 1 of that little lot and there's no rear, are we
- 2 missing anything or do the other things disappear?
- 3 It would be better if we just knew right now. And
- 4 certainly we could get a surveyor to get rid of that
- 5 lot and say, here's the 40B lot. One lot.
- 6 MS. MORELLI: Okay. So I think I just want
- 7 to maybe make it simpler.
- 8 Commissioner Bennett stated that when the
- 9 two parcels are in common ownership, you will still
- 10 have that lot line. Okay? You can keep that lot
- 11 line, and that will be consistent with the decisions
- 12 you're making on granting the waiver. Is that
- 13 simple? Does that make sense to you?
- 14 MS. SCHNEIDER: No. But I think what he's
- 15 actually suggesting -- and, Mr. Bennett, forgive me
- 16 if I'm putting words in your mouth -- is that
- 17 actually, down the road, we'd want to do an 81X plan
- 18 to consolidate and get rid of that lot line.
- 19 MR. BENNETT: I just brought it up because
- 20 I think it's an either/or, and we just have to think
- 21 of the ramifications of each. That's all.
- So if it does go to common ownership and
- 23 the lot line remains, I think what we're doing
- 24 tonight with respect to the waivers would probably be

- 1 fine.
- If, down the road, something came up that
- 3 was an issue with that lot line or the common
- 4 ownership, then the only way that I know to resolve
- 5 that is the 81% plan, and that does open up probably
- 6 some different waivers. It probably gets rid of --
- 7 some of the waivers you may have already granted
- 8 won't be there anymore, but there could be some
- 9 additional ones because now the whole lot -- so some
- 10 of the lot width and some of the lot area ones would
- 11 go away, some of the open space and landscape
- 12 requirements, because now it's on the entire parcel
- 13 and not piecemealed between the two. So those are
- 14 the variations.
- 15 MS. SCHNEIDER: Right. So, I mean, I just
- 16 wonder if at this late juncture we are better off
- 17 doing what the applicant suggested, which is to keep
- 18 the two lots. And maybe what we do is we add as a
- 19 condition, which I think we always would have anyway,
- 20 that they remain in unified ownership or at least
- 21 related ownership. Because I think that spares the
- 22 applicant and also the planning staff the brain
- 23 damage of having to recalculate with just a few weeks
- 24 left on the timeline what the different waivers might

- 1 be, unless somebody has an objection to keeping that
- 2 lot line and just sort of controlling the unity of
- 3 the project through a condition as to ownership.
- 4 MS. MORELLI: Yeah. I think it would be
- 5 easier to keep the lot line because, keep in mind,
- 6 the two different districts will still remain even if
- 7 the lot lines goes away.
- 8 MS. SCHNEIDER: Right. Okay.
- 9 MR. BENNETT: So in addition to some of the
- 10 issues I've described, there's also -- again, we've
- 11 got the business use and we've got the business
- 12 district and we've got the residence district.
- So in an L-1, if you have a dwelling in a
- 14 business district, or the L-1, that then directs you
- 15 in the bylaw to a different provision of the
- 16 dimension table: M-1, dimensional requirements. And
- 17 then because our bylaw does not distinguish really
- 18 clearly for a mixed use building, you would then
- 19 go -- in the T-5, you'd go to any other structure or
- 20 principal use under the dimension table 501, and you
- 21 go to the M-1: any other structure or principal use.
- 22 So those are the ones that I applied when I did my
- 23 review. And I'm going to say that for the most part,
- 24 in the applicant's presentation, he referenced those

- 1 as well.
- 2 There are also some other requirements when
- 3 you have an M district -- or, excuse me, a business
- 4 district abutting a T district. The rear yard gets
- 5 altered. So right now, the rear yard -- these are
- 6 the two things that I said. The rear yard
- 7 requirement is 40 feet in each one of those
- 8 districts. The bylaw talks about that that can't be
- 9 reduced by anything less than 20 feet if it's a
- 10 business district abutting a residence district, so
- 11 there's a waiver request in there for that as well.
- 12 There are a couple of other, you know,
- 13 unique things here with respect to dwellings in
- 14 business districts, and I tried to keep it consistent
- 15 in my, you know, approach that I kept with the T-5:
- 16 any other structure, and the M-1: any other
- 17 structure, and tried not to bounce between the two.
- 18 Okay.
- 19 So my memo, what I had sent up there with
- 20 respect to the uses, the original one that I got, by
- 21 the time I got some of Victor's alterations or
- 22 changes or modifications was too late for me to
- 23 change because he asked for very -- a waiver for all
- 24 office use, for all automotive uses, and all retail

- 1 uses. And I think we did spend a lot of time on
- 2 that. I think it's up to this board to make a
- 3 determination what uses they want to allow and what
- 4 uses they want to say no to.
- 5 My memo, for the most part -- Coolidge
- 6 Street, I indicated that use 20 and use 21 would
- 7 probably be acceptable. That's the typical
- 8 office-type use: business offices, the dental
- 9 office, other offices. And I had requested that no
- 10 other uses be expanded for that parcel.
- 11 With respect to the Harvard Street parcel,
- 12 I had eliminated 20A and 20B: the veterinary clinic
- 13 and the marijuana dispensary. And then I had
- 14 indicated with respect to the retail use they could
- 15 probably stick with the permitted uses, which are
- 16 typically 29, 30, 31, and 32. And those are
- 17 primarily the retail -- the service industry, so that
- 18 would allow a beauty parlor or a barber shop or a
- 19 photography studio.
- 20 And I would caution the board going forward
- 21 to some of the uses that are either not allowed or by
- 22 special permit to just -- again, it goes back to the
- 23 offensive uses, I think, which was detailed and is
- 24 something that the board -- I would advise that they

- 1 consider carefully moving forward.
- 2 The design review provision, that's the
- 3 same that I have requested each time. I request that
- 4 you not grant waivers to those seven sections
- 5 because, for the most part, the applicant has already
- 6 provided all the information and intends to comply,
- 7 so there would be no reason for a waiver.
- 8 The 40 Coolidge property, the building
- 9 itself, the footprint isn't changing. They do have a
- parking driveway that exists. They're expanding it 10
- 11 by one space.
- 12 MS. POVERMAN: Mr. Bennett, I'm getting
- 13 lost. Could you tell me which paragraph you're
- addressing each time? 14
- 15 MR. BENNETT: Okay. I'm down in H, I, and
- 16 J.
- 17 MS. POVERMAN: Okay.
- 18 MR. BENNETT: And I'll do the Coolidge
- 19 parcel and then the Harvard Street parcel.
- 20 MS. POVERMAN: Great.
- 21 MR. BENNETT: So the minimum lot size, the
- 22 lot area for dwelling units and the width, for the
- most part, the building footprint for the Coolidge 23
- 24 Street property isn't changing, so I don't believe

- 1 waivers are required for some of those setbacks. And
- 2 I put them in my memo. And I did open up --
- 3 MR. GELLER: So that's your meaning of "not
- 4 applicable"?
- 5 MR. BENNETT: Yes.
- 6 MR. GELLER: Okay.
- 7 MR. BENNETT: In some instances, it might
- 8 look inconsistent. I did -- I think I put "required"
- 9 for the front yard, and that's because you have the
- 10 new parking space that's created, and one of them is
- 11 closer to the front yard than would be allowed under
- 12 40A zoning. So any requested waivers on the Coolidge
- 13 Street parcel with respect to side yard, front yard,
- 14 and rear yard have to do with the parking, the four
- 15 parking spaces and the underground structure. Is
- 16 that clear a little bit?
- 17 On the Harvard Street parcel, the minimum
- 18 lot size was not applicable. The lot area per
- 19 dwelling unit was not applicable. And, again, that's
- 20 because we're going to the different -- any other
- 21 structure or principal use under the dimension table.
- 22 There is a provision in there -- not to
- 23 confuse you -- but there is "other dwelling
- 24 structure" under M.1.0. But, again, because our

- 1 bylaw doesn't distinguish mixed use, we typically
- 2 would go with any other structure or principal use in
- 3 past 40A cases and we're being consistent with this.
- 4 MS. POVERMAN: What paragraph are we
- 5 talking about?
- 6 MR. BENNETT: That would be Table 5.12,
- 7 5.01. I think Victor had put it in in some initial
- 8 discussions. I was being more conservative and
- 9 wanted it in there, but I don't think it applies in
- 10 this.
- 11 MS. POVERMAN: Okay. So I.1 does not
- 12 apply.
- MR. BENNETT: And I.2 would not apply.
- 14 MS. POVERMAN: Okay. Thanks.
- 15 MR. BENNETT: The FAR is pretty
- 16 straightforward.
- 17 Building height, I don't have enough
- 18 information at this point to make a recommendation.
- 19 They are working on providing us with which
- 20 methodology that they're using, and that is actually
- 21 going in -- I think it's the first time Mike and I
- 22 have had it. It's not in the 5.30.1, it's 5.30.2
- 23 section, and we'll deal with that going forward.
- 24 The traffic visibility around corners, it's

- 1 not applicable for Coolidge, but it is applicable --
- 2 do I have that for both here? It's only
- 3 applicable -- it's not applicable for Coolidge, but
- 4 it is applicable -- I might have left it off of my --
- 5 MS. MORELLI: I think you left it off --
- 6 MR. BENNETT: So that provision of the
- 7 bylaw talks about fences, hedges, and buildings, and
- 8 the 25-foot triangle and so forth. In this instance,
- 9 the last paragraph says that the traffic engineer can
- 10 waive that requirement if we think it's safe, but it
- 11 refers only to fences and hedges. It does not
- 12 mention if there's a building there, and in this case
- 13 there's a building. So I believe Peter has indicated
- 14 that he doesn't think it's a safety issue, but I
- 15 still believe this board has to grant that waiver.
- Again, the next ones in O, P, and Q, it's
- 17 pretty straightforward. It's side yards, it's
- 18 nondwellings in business districts, so I did keep
- 19 those in there because they are -- again, with the
- 20 mixed-use thing, we're going with a higher standard
- 21 in that instance.
- 22 Minimum landscaped open space and -- I
- 23 think the applicant mentioned that there was not a
- 24 requirement for that in the -- there is a 30 percent

- 1 requirement on the Coolidge Street property and
- 2 there's a 20 percent requirement on the Harvard
- 3 Street property in this instance, so if a waiver was
- 4 to be granted, that would be required to build.
- 5 The next one, minimum usable open space,
- 6 that is zero for both of these under that Table 5.01,
- 7 so that is not applicable.
- 8 MS. PALERMO: I just have a question about
- 9 the landscaped open space. They're looking for a
- 10 waiver for Coolidge because they will not be
- 11 satisfying the 30 percent requirement, but they're
- 12 not looking for a waiver for 420 Harvard. And I'm
- 13 assuming --
- 14 MR. SHEEN: That's a mistake.
- 15 MS. POVERMAN: It's a mistake. Okay.
- 16 MR. BENNETT: So after further review,
- 17 Victor had submitted it without that, and I had
- 18 indicated that is something that you should request
- 19 and it's up to this board to determine whether --
- 20 MS. PALERMO: So the current plan -- what
- 21 does the current plan provide for open space?
- MR. BENNETT: I don't think it was
- 23 specified. The engineer --
- MS. PALERMO: You do have a garden.

- 1 MR. SHEEN: Yes. We just need to sort of
- 2 make the final determination. We'll have that
- 3 information. We just don't have it tonight.
- 4 MS. PALERMO: So right now you don't know.
- 5 MR. SHEEN: We don't know. It's not zero.
- 6 It's not zero, obviously. But, I mean, it could be
- 7 900 square feet to 1,000 square feet. We just need
- 8 to finalize that calculation.
- 9 MS. SCHNEIDER: So the point is: It's not
- 10 zero, but it's also not going to be 20 percent.
- 11 MR. SHEEN: It's not going to be 20
- 12 percent.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Okay.
- MR. SHEEN: I mean, 20 percent would be
- 15 2,000 square feet.
- 16 MR. BENNETT: The parking regulations,
- 17 those he was consistent on and --
- 18 MR. GELLER: Commissioner Bennett, you were
- 19 on minimum useable open space. Did you finish with
- 20 that?
- 21 MR. BENNETT: That's zero -- so that's V.
- 22 So that's zero in each of the districts, so I had
- 23 indicated that that would be -- hopefully I put "not
- 24 applicable there.

- 1 MR. GELLER: That's what I thought.
- 2 MR. BENNETT: So V would be not applicable.
- 3 Yeah V.1 and V.2 is zero percent requirements, not
- 4 applicable.
- 5 And the next group for the W, X, Y, Z, all
- 6 of those are parking related. We did some extensive
- 7 review with Peter Ditto, Mike Yanovitch, myself, and
- 8 Maria, and the requested waivers are -- they're all
- 9 accurate and consistent with the bylaw and we don't
- 10 see any safety issues granting them.
- One of them I think I did add is 6.04.2.F,
- 12 which is backing into a way. So I believe in his
- 13 request it was Coolidge, and I added the Harvard
- 14 Street property because it -- there's a handicap
- 15 parking space you're going to have to back in and out
- 16 of.
- 17 6.04.5, I believe they put just D and E.
- 18 In my review, I think that entire section, as you
- 19 read it, would have to be waived, and that's, for the
- 20 most part, setbacks. So if you take the proximity of
- 21 those driveways and the walls coming in and out, the
- 22 underground structure and the parking, the four-lane
- 23 parking area over on Coolidge, my recommendation
- 24 would be 6.04.5 would be required to build. I would

- 1 do the entire section and not just D and E.
- 2 The loading facilities doesn't apply to the
- 3 Coolidge Street property, but there's a 14-foot
- 4 height requirement. There's only a 12, so that would
- 5 be required to build that loading facility.
- 6 And the enforcement sections we have
- 7 discussed at a previous meeting, and my
- 8 recommendation is not to recommend those waivers, but
- 9 that's the enforcement arm of the building department
- 10 under the zoning bylaw.
- 11 MR. GELLER: Ouestions?
- MR. BENNETT: So I added 5.44, the
- 13 accessory structures, and it says, "for parts thereof
- 14 of the main building." So the heading is a little
- 15 misleading. It talks about just accessory
- 16 structures, but I added the 5.44. Again, that's a
- 17 catchall for that underground parking that straddles
- 18 the lot line, that shared lot line, and is in close
- 19 proximity to, I think, two others.
- 20 MR. GELLER: Ouestions?
- No. Everybody's sufficiently confused?
- We may have questions again, so don't run
- 23 off.
- 24 MR. BENNETT: All right.

- 1 MR. GELLER: I'd like to ask Maria to speak
- 2 on behalf of Peter Ditto.
- 3 And then what I would hope that we could do
- 4 is we could have a quick discussion running through
- 5 these and essentially knock off those in which we can
- 6 immediately agree upon, even those -- these are
- 7 drafts. What I want to do is I want to narrow down
- 8 the things that we're discussing at the next hearing,
- 9 because we're going to have to spend a great deal of
- 10 time at the next hearing on the conditions. Okay?
- 11 MS. MORELLI: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Ditto
- 12 supplied two letters. Do you want me to read both of
- 13 them at this time?
- MR. GELLER: I want to start with one.
- 15 Oh, yes. Go ahead.
- 16 MS. MORELLI: Okay. The first one is in
- 17 regard to proposed waivers from Peter Ditto, director
- 18 of engineering and transportation, dated November 30,
- 19 2016 to the board of appeals.
- 20 "Board members, the engineering and
- 21 transportation staff has reviewed the request for
- 22 waivers for the proposed development at 420 Harvard
- 23 Street and offers the following comments and
- 24 recommendations:

- 1 "Waiver Request N: This request seeks
- 2 relief from the visibility requirement across
- 3 corners. The project is located at the intersection
- 4 of Harvard Street and Fuller Street. Traffic at this
- 5 intersection is controlled by a traffic signal. The
- 6 pavement is painted to delineate stop lines and
- 7 crosswalks. There are several locations along
- 8 Harvard Street which mirror the existing and proposed
- 9 development at this location. Because of the traffic
- 10 signal system in place, along with pavement markings,
- 11 no safety hazard will result from this project.
- 12 There should be no action taken on this request.
- "Waiver Request AA: This request is to
- 14 allow a 52-foot-wide curb cut on Fuller Street, which
- 15 is greater than the maximum 20 feet allowed by
- 16 zoning. The existing curb cut is 42 feet, plus or
- 17 minus. The 52-foot opening will allow for safer
- 18 entrance and exiting from the underground parking
- 19 garage as well as the ADA parking space and loading
- 20 zone. This area is open to the street, which gives
- 21 pedestrians ample time to see individuals driving on
- 22 the sidewalk. The applicant should dimension the
- 23 curb cut on the latest plan to reflect the new
- 24 opening width of 52 feet. This waiver may be

- 1 approved.
- 2 "Waiver Request GG: This request, in part,
- 3 is seeking a waiver from the town's site plan
- 4 approval process which mandates compliance with both
- 5 state and federal regulations. The town has been
- 6 issued a National Pollution Discharge Elimination
- 7 System permit by the federal government, which
- 8 requires annual reporting for compliance. This
- 9 waiver should be denied.
- 10 "Waiver Request II: This request seeks to
- 11 bypass the street excavation permit process. This
- 12 process ensures that all street excavation permits
- 13 are documented, contractors are licensed and insured,
- 14 the work is completed according to town
- 15 specifications, and public safety officials are
- 16 notified. This waiver should be denied."
- 17 And I understand that the applicant has
- 18 removed those last two.
- And if you'd like me to continue, I'll read
- 20 Mr. Ditto's second letter.
- 21 MR. GELLER: Please.
- MS. MORELLI: To the zoning board of
- 23 appeals, Mr. Ditto, dated November 30, 2016.
- "Dear Mr. Geller," -- the heading:

- 1 "Visibility of pedestrians."
- 2 "In conjunction with the building
- 3 commissioner, Daniel Bennett, and the deputy building
- 4 commissioner, Michael Yanovitch, I have reviewed the
- 5 driveway design for the proposed development at
- 6 420 Harvard Street within the parameters specified
- 7 under Zoning Bylaw Section 6.04.4.F. The plans
- 8 reviewed are dated October 28, 2016." I think that
- 9 the -- Mr. Ditto had November 22nd, but it's actually
- 10 October 28th -- "and were formerly submitted to the
- 11 zoning board of appeals by the applicant.
- 12 "The building commissioner and I have
- 13 determined that there is adequate sight distance of
- 14 pedestrians positioned within 5 feet of either side
- 15 of the driveway to be located on Fuller Street. The
- 16 driveway, as designed, presents no safety hazards to
- 17 pedestrians. Furthermore, the driveway design
- 18 measures enhance the safety of pedestrians who might
- 19 have visual, auditory, or ambulatory disabilities as
- 20 specified under Zoning Bylaw Section 6.04, namely:
- 21 Bullet Point 1: "Flashing lights and
- 22 auditory signals to alert pedestrians that a vehicle
- 23 is exiting the driveway."
- 24 Bullet Point 2: "A driveway slope of less

- 1 than 10 percent for the first 20 feet from the
- 2 property line to ensure that vehicles exiting the
- 3 driveway can stop safely before proceeding onto the
- 4 driveway apron."
- 5 Bullet Point 3: "Textured surfaces where
- 6 the driveway and sidewalk meet to alert pedestrians
- 7 that they are approaching a driveway."
- 8 And Bullet Point 4: "Mirrors installed at
- 9 the driveway exit to further enhance visibility."
- 10 And Mr. Ditto adds that this label regarding the
- 11 mirrors should be noted on the plan.
- 12 "The existing 7-foot-high fence on the
- 13 property line shared with 44 Fuller Street is owned
- 14 by the abutter, not the applicant. At 5 feet away
- 15 from the driveway exit, this does not present a
- 16 visual obstacle to drivers exiting the driveway.
- 17 "However, as noted by independent traffic
- 18 peer reviewer James Fitzgerald, P.E." -- and the
- 19 report is dated October 18, 2016 to the ZBA on this
- 20 case -- "to improve the stopping sight distance,
- 21 (SSD), from 150 feet to the required 200 feet of
- 22 vehicles traveling 30 miles per hour on Fuller Street
- 23 toward Harvard Street, the fence should be modified.
- 24 The applicant has confirmed that he is working with

- 1 the owner of the fence to modify it at his own
- 2 expense to meet the SSD requirement.
- 3 "There are no retaining walls or quardrails
- 4 higher than 3 1/2 feet in this area that would
- 5 present a visual obstruction.
- 6 "In addition, a utility pole is currently
- 7 located on the sidewalk beyond the property line of
- 8 this project and does not present a visual
- 9 obstruction. The applicant is working with the
- 10 utility company to relocate the pole underground,
- 11 which will further improve sidewalk conditions for
- 12 pedestrians.
- "I do recommend that a condition be applied
- 14 that prohibits plantings taller than 3 feet within
- 15 the space between the driveway and the lot line
- 16 shared with 44 Fuller Street".
- 17 Regarding the waivers pertaining to traffic
- 18 visibility and off-street parking design: "Under
- 19 separate cover, I am submitting to the ZBA a letter
- 20 with my comments on the applicant's request for
- 21 waivers from local regulations. I would like to
- 22 explain my review of two of those waiver requests in
- 23 this letter on pedestrian safety, namely, waivers
- 24 from Zoning Bylaw Section 5.45: traffic visibility

- 1 across corners, and Zoning Bylaw section 6.04.4.C:
- 2 exceeding maximum curb cut of 30 feet.
- Regarding the waiver from Section 5.45:
- 4 traffic visibility across corners: "As specified in
- 5 this section, only the ZBA may grant an exception to
- 6 the bylaw so that a structure may be built in the
- 7 plane specified; that is, a 4-1/2-foot-high expanse
- 8 that is 2 1/2 feet above the curb which runs 25 feet
- 9 from the intersection of said lot line. And that is
- 10 illustrated in Figure 5.11 in the bylaw.
- "I would like to provide the board with my
- 12 technical review of the proposed conditions to
- 13 confirm that there would be no adverse impact on
- 14 public safety in regard to both drivers and
- 15 pedestrians.
- 16 Bullet Point 1: "The proposed conditions,
- 17 that is, no front yard setbacks, are not unique to
- 18 Harvard Street street corners.
- 19 Bullet Point 2: "Harvard Street angles in
- 20 such a way to increase sight lines for drivers at the
- 21 Harvard/Fuller Street intersection of both oncoming
- 22 traffic and pedestrians.
- 23 Bullet Point 3: "Harvard and Fuller
- 24 Streets have a stop-controlled signal.

- 1 And Bullet Point 4: "The stop line on
- 2 Fuller Street is positioned to allow drivers optimal
- 3 sight lines of approaching pedestrians. In addition,
- 4 the required SSD of oncoming traffic is met.
- 5 Regarding waiver from Section 6.04.4.C:
- 6 exceeding curb cut width of 30 feet: "In a previous
- 7 iteration of the plan, the curb cut was 48 feet.
- 8 However, the independent traffic peer reviewer, James
- 9 Fitzgerald, recommended that the southern curb cut be
- 10 increased so that vehicles turning right onto Fuller
- 11 would not clip the curb. The applicant applied this
- 12 recommendation by increasing the curb cut to 52 feet.
- 13 Along this 52-foot curb cut is a loading zone that is
- 14 partially shared with a handicapped pick-up/drop-off
- 15 space. I recommend that the loading be striped so
- 16 that it is better delineated from the driveway
- 17 entrance ramp. It appears that this is intended on
- 18 the plans; however, I would add a label on the plans
- 19 and a condition reinforcing this measure.
- "In summary, the proposed driveway on
- 21 Fuller Street presents no adverse impact on drivers
- 22 and pedestrians. The building commissioner and I are
- 23 available to address any questions you may have about
- 24 public safety."

- 1 Signed, Peter Ditto, P.E., director.
- 2 MR. GELLER: Thank you.
- Just one question: On Waiver Request N --
- 4 N.2, I thought I understood Building Commissioner
- 5 Bennett to say before that the waiver is necessary.
- 6 But I thought I understood --
- 7 MS. MORELLI: Right. So he's saying that
- 8 it applies, so -- because you have a structure that
- 9 is going to be built with zero setback on Harvard and
- 10 Fuller Streets that will be constructed in that plane
- 11 that's specified.
- Now, if you look at Section 5.45, it
- 13 prohibits any obstruction, whether it's a fence,
- 14 plantings, or a structure like a building, in this
- 15 plane. Now, you have to think of this triangular
- 16 plane that is 2 1/2 feet above the curb line and it
- 17 runs 4 1/2 feet above that and then it runs along the
- 18 lot line. That would be the lot line on Fuller and
- 19 the lot line on Harvard Street, 25 feet in each
- 20 direction. So that creates a triangular space in
- 21 that area. There would be no construction in that
- 22 space. That's what the bylaw specifies.
- Obviously, you are going to have a
- 24 structure in that triangular plane.

- 1 MR. GELLER: So they need the waiver.
- MS. MORELLI: So they do need the waiver.
- 3 And what Mr. Ditto is saying is that he can't grant
- 4 it because it's not his review. He's simply saying
- 5 if you're going to permit this review, clearly you're
- 6 going to want some technical expertise. In
- 7 anticipating your discussion, he's providing that.
- 8 MR. GELLER: Okay. Got it.
- 9 So I guess the question then becomes: Did
- 10 Mr. Ditto have a suggestion about how one straddles
- 11 between a wholesale waiver and his desire to provide
- 12 technical review?
- 13 MS. MORELLI: Yeah. So what he did is he
- 14 reviewed -- now, I listed a few bullet points that
- 15 regarded his assessment of the conditions at Harvard
- 16 and Fuller Street regarding sight distance. Now,
- 17 we're talking about sight lines that pertain to
- 18 drivers who are looking at oncoming traffic. That's
- 19 the SSD. It also pertains to drivers' visibility of
- 20 pedestrians. So we're talking about oncoming traffic
- 21 and approaching pedestrians. And in both cases, he
- 22 emphatically states that even though a structure
- 23 would be built in that triangular space where the
- 24 bylaw says -- or prohibits any building, he says even

- 1 though there would be a building in that space, there
- 2 are no traffic hazards, no adverse --
- 3 MS. SCHNEIDER: I understands Jesse's
- 4 question, and I think I understand the answer, which
- 5 is that he noted that this analysis was necessary.
- 6 He went ahead and did it.
- 7 MR. GELLER: He's done it.
- 8 MS. SCHNEIDER: He's done it for us without
- 9 us having to ask him to do it.
- MR. GELLER: So he's supporting the request
- 11 for the waiver. He's simply saying, I'm here for
- 12 technical review and I've done it.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: I've already done it, so
- 14 you can feel comfortable. If you feel --
- 15 MR. GELLER: Is that correct?
- MS. MORELLI: That is absolutely correct.
- 17 MR. GELLER: Thank you.
- 18 Any other questions?
- 19 (No audible response.)
- MR. GELLER: No. Okay.
- I want to -- let's roll through these
- 22 quickly and see which ones -- and, again, I
- 23 understand we haven't had a lot of time with these
- 24 and we certainly haven't had an opportunity to look

- 1 at the bylaw and compare it to what's being asked.
- 2 But I still think there are some of these that we can
- 3 dismiss -- or we can accept and some we can dismiss.
- 4 MS. SCHNEIDER: And I just want to say, I
- 5 mean, I really appreciate the memo that Mr. Bennett
- 6 did. I think it helps the -- for the purposes of
- 7 this discussion, certainly to the extent that we are
- 8 considering approving this project with conditions,
- 9 if there are things that are identified as required
- 10 to build, I don't think those should be difficult for
- 11 us to discuss and --
- 12 MR. GELLER: Right.
- 13 A.1 and A.2?
- 14 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.
- MS. PALERMO: Yes.
- MS. POVERMAN: No problem.
- MR. GELLER: B.1 and B.2, I'm not prepared
- 18 to give an answer. I think it needs to be looked at,
- 19 though I do appreciate the comment from Commissioner
- 20 Bennett that we should consider narrowing the
- 21 request.
- MS. POVERMAN: I just have a question as to
- 23 why office use is something that's buildable under
- 24 40B. I mean --

MS. SCHNEIDER: This is a mixed-use 1 2 project. 3 MS. POVERMAN: Okay. 4 MS. PALERMO: I'm suggesting that all of 5 these use provisions I would rather defer so I can 6 read the code. 7 MR. GELLER: Correct. 8 MS. SCHNEIDER: Agreed. 9 MR. GELLER: E.1, E.2, I think yes. 10 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 11 MR. GELLER: F.2, yes. 12 MS. POVERMAN: Hold on. Wait for me. 13 Yup. MR. GELLER: G.1, G.2, yes. 14 15 MS. POVERMAN: Yes. MS. PALERMO: Yes. 16 17 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 18 MR. GELLER: H.1, yes. 19 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 20 MS. PALERMO: Yes. 21 MR. GELLER: Everybody caught up? I.1? 22 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 23 MS. PALERMO: Yes. 24 MS. POVERMAN: Yes.

1 MR. GELLER: J.1? MS. PALERMO: Yes. 2 3 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 4 MS. POVERMAN: Yes. 5 MR. GELLER: K.1 and 2. 6 MS. PALERMO: Yes. 7 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 8 MS. POVERMAN: Yes. 9 MR. GELLER: L.1 and 2 are not ready 10 because clearly they have to review with the building 11 commissioner the methodology by which they're going 12 to calculate the height of the building. 13 I was going to go to M, but I think M is 14 That's 5.43. Doesn't apply. out. 15 N.2 is yes. 16 MS. POVERMAN: Yes. 17 MS. PALERMO: Yes. 18 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 19 MR. GELLER: 0.1 and 2. 20 MS. MORELLI: After N.2 --21 MS. SCHNEIDER: Thank you. I have that 22 question too. MS. MORELLI: So in the building 23 24 commissioner's memo --

- 1 MR. GELLER: Oh, that's right.
- MS. MORELLI: If you want toggle between
- 3 the waivers list and the building commissioner's
- 4 memo, after N.1 there's a dash and there's 5.44.
- 5 That is being added by the building commissioner. I
- 6 don't know when you want to pull that in.
- 7 MR. GELLER: Yeah. Let me suggest that
- 8 5.43 doesn't apply here.
- 9 MS. MORELLI: No. I'm talking about 5.44.
- 10 MR. GELLER: Yeah. I'm simply going to say
- 11 that when they redo this, they can fit it in there.
- 12 They can reletter fitting it in because you don't
- 13 need --
- 14 MS. MORELLI: 5.44, accessory underground
- 15 structures, we don't need it?
- MR. GELLER: No. We do need it, but I'm
- 17 saying substitute it for where you've got a reference
- 18 to 5.43, which doesn't apply.
- 19 MS. MORELLI: Got it.
- MS. POVERMAN: And we'll assess it at that
- 21 time?
- MR. GELLER: No. They need it.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: No. They need it, because
- 24 the parking garage straddles it.

- 1 MR. GELLER: Right.
- MS. MORELLI: So it's a yes.
- 3 MR. GELLER: Yes.
- 4 MS. SCHNEIDER: And that will become M.1 or
- 5 something like that.
- 6 MR. GELLER: 0.1, 0.2, anybody answer on
- 7 that?
- 8 MS. PALERMO: Yes.
- 9 MS. POVERMAN: Yes.
- 10 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.
- 11 MR. GELLER: P.1 and P.2 --
- 12 MS. POVERMAN: Those are irrelevant.
- 13 MR. GELLER: Right.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Mr. Sheen, did you agree
- 15 that those are irrelevant. You still have them on
- 16 this list. I'm not sure if it's a moving target
- 17 or --
- 18 MR. GELLER: We had a discussion on it
- 19 Monday night.
- 20 MR. SHEEN: Let's leave it in there, and
- 21 I'll consult with the building commission on it.
- MR. BENNETT: I can address it now if you
- 23 want.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes, please.

- 1 MR. BENNETT: For Coolidge -- where are we 2 here? So it's not applicable. So for the Coolidge
- 3 Street property, they're not making any changes to
- 4 the front yard, and that's why I kept that as not
- 5 applicable.
- 6 On the Harvard Street property, you need
- 7 150 feet on each side of the lot, so a corner lot,
- 8 the existing lot, does not apply. The way the zoning
- 9 is written, you have to have 150 feet on each side of
- 10 the building to come up with the new setbacks, so
- 11 corner lots, that does not apply.
- 12 MR. GELLER: Okay. Q.1, Q.2.
- 13 MS. PALERMO: Yes.
- MS. POVERMAN: Yes.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.
- 16 MR. GELLER: R?
- 17 MS. PALERMO: Yes.
- MS. POVERMAN: Yes.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.
- 20 MR. GELLER: S.1, S.2?
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.
- MR. GELLER: T is -- T.2 is -- it's not
- 23 broken down, but T.2 is a yes.
- MS. POVERMAN: Right. T.1 is irrelevant.

- 1 MS. SCHNEIDER: U.1 and U.2, I think we're 2 not ready yet, right, because we don't have a 3 calculation --4 MR. GELLER: They have to do a calculation 5 on 420. 6 V.1 and V.2 are not applicable. 7 W.1, W.2. 8 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 9 MS. PALERMO: Yes. 10 MR. GELLER: X.2, yes. 11 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 12 MS. PALERMO: Yes. 13 MR. GELLER: Y.1 and 2, yes. 14 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 15 MR. GELLER: Z.1, yes. 16 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. 17 MR. GELLER: AA.2. 18 MS. SCHNEIDER: Hang on a second. We have 19 to add a Z.2 to that because, as the commissioner pointed out, we need to add it to the Harvard Street 20 21 side as well because of the handicap space. 22 MR. GELLER: Right.

MR. GELLER: This is the handicap loading.

MS. SCHNEIDER: So that's Z.2.

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             MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes. There's that one
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    handicap at grade.
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            MR. GELLER: Right.
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            AA.2, yes.
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            MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.
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            MS. PALERMO: Yes.
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            MR. GELLER: BB.1 and BB.2.
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            MS. SCHNEIDER:
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            MS. PALERMO: Yes.
             MR. GELLER: And I think the recommendation
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    from Commissioner Bennett in that case was rather
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    than specify D and E as the applicant has --
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             MS. SCHNEIDER: All of 6.0.4.5.
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            MR. GELLER: Correct.
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            MS. SCHNEIDER:
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            MR. GELLER: CC.2.
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            MS. SCHNEIDER: Yes.
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            MS. PALERMO: Yes.
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            MS. POVERMAN: Yes.
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             MR. GELLER: And then everything else
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    should be gone, including the bold note at the end.
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             So I think we've gotten through a fair
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    number of those. We only have a limited number.
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             Maria, you have --
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- 1 MS. MORELLI: There was HH regarding --
- 2 HH.1 and 2 regarding demolition. I don't know that
- 3 you specifically -- that's not on Commissioner
- 4 Bennett's list. That's a preservation issue. We
- 5 do -- we would need to return to HH.1 pending further
- 6 information from the applicant regarding what they're
- 7 doing, if they meet the criteria for partial
- 8 demolition.
- 9 MR. GELLER: Right.
- MS. MORELLI: And then regarding HH.2, they
- 11 already received, in October of 2015, a determination
- 12 that the building is not -- at 420 Harvard is not
- 13 significant, so therefore it can be demolished and
- 14 that they do not need a waiver, so that's no longer
- 15 applicable.
- 16 MR. GELLER: All right. Thank you.
- Okay. Any other questions/comments on the
- 18 waiver list?
- MS. PALERMO: No.
- MR. GELLER: So my hope would be that we
- 21 could get a cleaned-up version of this for our review
- 22 at the next hearing.
- MS. PALERMO: In advance.
- MS. SCHNEIDER: Well, I think that we'll

- 1 need to do some homework, too, on the uses.
- 2 MR. GELLER: Yes, absolutely.
- 3 MS. SCHNEIDER: But if the applicant -- I
- 4 mean, I know we already talked about this, but if the
- 5 applicant wants to forward a cleaned-up list of the
- 6 uses as well in advance, I think that would greatly
- 7 assist the board.
- 8 MR. SHEEN: Sure. We'll work with staff.
- 9 MR. GELLER: Thank you.
- I want to mention, before we do close the
- 11 hearing -- just for the record, I want to acknowledge
- 12 a petition that was signed by the residents -- or
- 13 many of the residents of the Cohen Residences. And
- 14 this is a petition, and I'll read the content.
- 15 "We petition the Brookline Zoning Board of
- 16 Appeals to fully and carefully consider safety
- 17 impacts to seniors from the proposed development at
- 18 420 Harvard Street.
- 19 "We understand the proposed project
- 20 includes a five-story building with underground
- 21 parking with a lane of traffic to enter the
- 22 underground parking, a second lane of traffic to exit
- 23 the underground parking, and a third lane of traffic
- 24 for a truck loading zone.

- 1 "We also fully understand these three lanes
- 2 will cut across the sidewalk on Fuller Street
- 3 directly across from the busy Fuller Street parking
- 4 lot. Cars already often block the sidewalk on that
- 5 side of Fuller. The sidewalks on both sides of the
- 6 street will be blocked by the proposed project. Our
- 7 safety will be jeopardized. Warning lights are not
- 8 the answer.
- 9 "We urge the zoning board of appeals not to
- 10 approve the project unless the entrance, exit, and
- 11 loading zone are moved from Fuller Street so that one
- 12 sidewalk remains free for us to walk safely."
- 13 And there are a number of signatures that
- 14 are attached.
- So this will entered into the record, and
- 16 it can also be, like everything else, available
- 17 online if anybody wants to see it.
- Okay. As mentioned, our next hearing is
- 19 December 12, 7:00 p.m., and I anticipate at that
- 20 hearing we will wrap up with the waiver list. And
- 21 then in advance of that hearing, there will be
- 22 distributed proposed conditions, and we'll start to
- 23 review conditions.
- MS. POVERMAN: When does this hearing

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1 close?
             MS. MORELLI: December 27th is the
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    deadline.
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             MS. STEINFELD: We're hoping not to have a
   hearing on that night.
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             MR. GELLER: And then we have 40 days of
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    deliberation.
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   are adjourned until the 12th.
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1 I, Kristen C. Krakofsky, court reporter and 2 notary public in and for the Commonwealth of 3 Massachusetts, certify: 4 That the foregoing proceedings were taken 5 before me at the time and place herein set forth and 6 that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript 7 of my shorthand notes so taken. 8 I further certify that I am not a relative 9 or employee of any of the parties, nor am I 10 financially interested in the action. 11 I declare under penalty of perjury that the 12 foregoing is true and correct. 13 Dated this 12th day of December, 2016. 14 Suster C. Jakopski 15 16 17 Kristen Krakofsky, Notary Public 18 My commission expires November 3, 2017. 19 20 21 22 23 24

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